

WH Income & Disregard Activity Answers

1. Angie applies for Working Healthy in July. She is receiving \$540 monthly in Social Security Disability benefits as she has been blind since childhood. Angie works part-time at Hallmark Cards and gets paid bi-weekly. She provides copies of her last pay stubs: 6/14=\$500, 6/28=\$528. Angie verifies her work related expenses as follows: She just purchased a guide dog in June for \$1,200. She is making monthly payments of \$50. The vet told her to give the dog heart worm medication that costs \$15 monthly; the dog eats Science diet food that costs \$35 monthly for a bag. Angie pays \$250 monthly to A&A transportation for trips to and from work for her and the dog, and Angie pays an individual \$40 monthly to translate to braille her company memos and newsletters. What is Angie's countable income?

Add Angie's 2 paychecks: $\$500 + \$528 = \$1,028$
Divide by 2 to get average bi-weekly income: $\$1,028 \div 2 = \514
Multiply by 2.15 to determine monthly income: $\$514 \times 2.15 = \$1,105.10$
Determine work related expenses:
Dog payments - \$50 (Document to verify and allow this expenses at next review as this will take 23 months of payments to pay off.)
Dog worm medicine - \$15, Dog food - \$35, A&A transportation- \$250
Braille translator - \$40 Total BWE expenses = \$ 390 (greater than \$300 standard)
Subtract the actual BWE $\$1,105.10 - \$390 = \$715.10$
Subtract earned income disregard $\$ 715.10 - \$ 65 = \650.10
Divide by 2 $\$650.10 \div 2 = \325.05 (Earned)
Subtract \$20 income disregard **SSDS \$540 - \$20 = \$520 (Unearned)**
Total Countable income $\$325.05 + \$520 = \$845.05$

2. Vickie applies for Working Healthy on 7/10. Vickie receives Social Security Disability benefits of \$575 monthly. Vickie also runs a small sewing operation from her home. Vickie has not been in business a full year and has not filed a tax return, so she provides the books from her business for the last three months. Her books show her income: April - \$580, May - \$610, and June - \$550. Vicki documents her expenses and her books verify that they were \$40 in April, \$32.50 in May, and \$28 in June. Vickie requires attendant care in her home in helping her get ready for work each morning and this cost \$350 monthly. What is Vickie's countable income?

Add income and divide by 3 $\$580 + \$610 + \$550 = \$1,740 \div 3 = \$580$
Add expenses $(\$40 + \$32.50 + \$28 = \$100.50 \div 3 = \$ 33.50)$ was less than 25% so
Allow the 25% cost of doing business expense $\$580 \times .25 = \145
 $\$580 - \$145 = \$435$
Subtract IRWE expenses $\$434 - \$350 = \$ 85$
Subtract earned income disregard $\$ 85 - \$ 65 = \$ 20$
Divide by 2 $\$ 20 \div 2 = \$ 10$ (earned)
Subtract \$20 income disregard **SSDS \$575 - \$20 = \$555 (unearned)**

3. Darnel applies for Working Healthy on 4/15. Darnel works full-time and gets paid bi-weekly. He gives you his pay stubs from the last month: 3/25=\$543, 4/1=\$568, 4/15=\$530. Darnel verifies that he is disabled, but is not receiving any SSDI benefits as his earnings are over SGA and he is outside of his trial work period. Darnel doesn't have any work related expenses. What is Darnel's countable income?

Add paychecks and divide by 3 $\$543 + \$568 + \$530 = \$1,641 \div 3 = \$547$
Multiply by 2.15 to get monthly income $\$547 \times 2.15 = \$1,176.05$
Subtract earned income disregard $\$1,176.05 - \$65 = \$1,111.05$
Subtract \$20 income disregard $\$1,111.05 - \$20 = \$1,091.05$
Divide by 2 $\$1,091.05 \div 2 = \545.52

4. Ken and Barbie, a married couple, apply for the Working Healthy program on 7/5. Ken is disabled and receives Social Security Disability income of \$680 monthly. Ken works for an attorney part-time and gets paid bi-weekly. He verifies his earnings for the past month: 6/7 - \$238 and 6/21 - \$242. Barbie is 34 and works full-time for Lady Foot Locker. Barbie verifies her earnings for the past month: 6/14 - \$1,270 and 6/28 - \$1,200. She is paid bi-weekly. What is the countable income for the Working Healthy program?

Add Ken's paychecks and divide by 2 $\$238 + \$242 = \$480 \div 2 = \240
Multiple by 2.15 to get monthly income $\$240 \times 2.15 = \516
Subtract earned income disregard $\$516 - \$65 = \$451$
Divide by 2. $\$451 \div 2 = \225.50 earned income
Subtract \$20 income disregard SSDS $\$680 - \$20 = \$660$ unearned income
Barbie is not disabled, but because she is legally responsible for Ken she is coded 'DI' on SEPA and her income counts in the eligibility determination.
Add Barbie's paychecks ÷ 2 $\$1,270 + \$1,200 = \$2,470 \div 2 = \$1,235$
Multiple by 2.15 $\$1,235 \times 2.15 = \$2,655.25$
Divide by 2. $\$2,655.25 \div 2 = \$1,327.62$ earned income

Couple Total Countable Income = \$2,213.12 (\$225.50 + \$660 + \$1,327.62)

Note: Only one \$65.00 disregard is allowed for the combined incomes of all MS individuals in the plan. In this example Ken was allowed the disregard.